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FRANCE

AS AN EXPONENT OF WHAT INFIDELS WOULD DO IF THEY WERE IN POWER.

An intelligent infidel woman said to me that if infidels were in power in this country they would persecute and abuse their power just as Christians have done. All of us are, even now, far below the high pretensions of our philosophy. There would all probably be worse than we are now if there was nobody to restrain us, but in the history of France, we have a plain demonstration that a country absolutely in control of infidels is far better than one under the influence of Christianity. France is today, so absolutely under infidel control that the infidels of that country can dictate any terms they may desire to the Christians, and yet France is, to-day, the happiest country in what is commonly called Christendom.

The business, property of France is phenomenally fine. Only a few years ago, at Sedan, France capitulated to Prussia on terms of paying an immense war indemnity and ceding Alsace and Lorraine, parts of her valuable territory, and yet France is not only able to pay the indemnity, but has loaned to Russia \$25,000,000, and is abundantly able to lend still more, if she regarded it as good financial policy, and in the interest of peace to do so.

On the other hand Christian Russia never has paid and in centuries probably never will, pay the debt she contracted to conduct the Revolutionary war against the United States, and the Christian United States never has paid, and, in centuries probably never will pay the debt she contracted to conduct her civil war.

Our debt to our own people is, of course, better than Russia's debt to foreigners, unless one or both, some day, repudiates those debts as will almost certainly be done, and that event the United States will be worse off than England. With all the immense resources of America, our government could not lend money as France has done, and while infidel France is enjoying the greatest serenity of any European government and Christian Russia is but a hell on earth, the government of the United States is but a scolding caldron of all the woes that Shakespeare's witches mixed, or that new from Pandora's box, and our condition is rapidly getting worse and worse every day, until now such is the condition of affairs that the guards around our president will allow no man to come into his presence with a wrapped package, lest it may be a bomb with which to kill him, as Christian Russia lately killed Sergius.

Suicide of all classes of people, and murders, especially of women and children—a Christian woman in Mayfield, Kentucky, a few days since having murdered three beautiful daughters that he might marry a British man—are simply rampant in the United States, and, in Kentucky, the most dastardly assassinations of each other by Christian piety leaders, surpass anything known in the annals of civilized history.

In France none of these things are occurring. France, and Switzerland, the latter of which gave its University for the use of the great international Infidel Congress, are the only two governments in Europe that are Republican and constructed upon exactly the plan of government that the infidels Jefferson, Paine and Franklin framed for this government, and those two governments are the only ones in Europe where peace and prosperity and happiness reign all the time, and Italy, the home of the Pope, is coming to the front rapidly, and just in the ratio that she discards religion, until the Pope has to beg of America to furnish him the money upon which to support his infamous and nefarious pretensions in the country that once gave \$70,000,000 to build St. Peter's church.

In the light of such facts as these it is not reasonable and fair to say that the United States, in the hands of infidels, would be no better off than it is now, in the hands of Christians.

WHY DEATH HAS NO TERROR FOR A JAP.

Until death stares him in the face the Japanese does not care to be religious in the ordinary sense of the term, and death is to him but a new life led in a supernatural way. When the father of a family goes on a journey a part of his room is held sacred to his memory and devotional offerings are made to him. To all the families who have some relative fighting in the war there is not a single one where the mother, wife, or sister does not practice the rite of endowment for the absent, and if he dies the attitude of the bereaved shows no substantial change.

The departed is regarded as being still present and daily offerings and salutations are made to him. In the agnostic temperament of the Japanese there is always a corner sacred to this feeling.

If you will ask a Japanese whether he believes in God in the ordinary sense, as a deity presiding over the universe, he will, unhesitatingly answer, "No."

The school education is free from any teaching of a doctrinal character and the Japanese cannot see why morals should be based on the teaching of a special denomination. It believes that there is no reason why people should not be upright and brave without the help of a God or a creed. We have always considered the lower form of Buddhism merely as an aid to the work. Loyalty, filial piety and honesty have always been the only gods to which the educated Japanese look up.

The code of warriors has formed the creed of Bushido, which means, "The Path of the Samurai." To be a Samurai is the highest aspiration of the Japanese. It implies all that is conveyed in the word "gentleman" used in its best sense, with a dash of the soldier added.

In earlier days no special stress was laid on book learning, but in the course of time literature and music have added softening touches to the brusque features of the Samurai character.

But the keynote of Bushido is an indomitable sense of honor. A Samurai's jealousy of his good name reaches the pathetic extreme of preferring instant death to a slur on his reputation, and the practice of "hara-kari" is the outcome of this feeling. "Hara" signifies the abdomen, which is supposed to be the seat of ideas and thoughts, and the act of cutting open the abdomen is a symbolic demonstration that no ideas unworthy of a Samurai have been harbored.

But for this all-daring spirit of Bushido Japan would never have been able to make such gigantic progress in the last forty years, and the same spirit will continue to urge Japan on in her pursuit of the ideals of the good, the true and the beautiful.

The above appearing in the Lexington Leader, the most influential paper, except the Blade that was ever published in this city, is the most remarkable editorial that I have ever seen in any paper of Lexington, in the nearly sixty years that I can remember Lexington journalism.

The editor of the Leader is the son of a Presbyterian preacher, and is no more infidel than all intelligent men are, and yet while the whole Christian insistence has always been that there was no morality or heroism outside of Christianity, here is an editorial that says the very acme of morals now known to the world, is to be found among a people who do not believe in any god and has no religion, and of whom it is known and daily being demonstrated in our papers, that they are physically, intellectually and morally far superior to their foe, the Russians, who are the truest and most orthodox of all Christians.

DEDICATES HIS CHILD TO CREED

With Strange Ceremony Freethinker and Socialist Baptizes Babe.

Will Be Taught Only "Religion of Justice" as It Grows Older.

(From Cincinnati Post.)
Discarding all religious offices, George Junghans, of 1327 Bremen-st., freethinker and Socialist, Sunday dedicated his first-born to the life of the "New Thought," which he is an ardent devotee. The attending ceremony was performed by B. S. Frayne, a lecturer, who also composed the unique christening ritual.

Only in the sprinkling of the water upon the child's forehead did the baptismal ceremony resemble that prescribed of most creeds.

The strange, but simple, exercises of the father's dedication of his child to liberal doctrine was attended by 15 of his most intimate friends, all more or less radical in their religious beliefs and material ideas. Evelyn Junghans is a little over four weeks old. Her father is a machinist.

"I know," he said, "that before many years my daughter, with thousands of other unfortunate, will have to seek employment in factories."

"I know she will never have opportunity to attend the high school and college, as is her right."

"I know that under conditions as they are she will never get out of the surroundings of the tenement house."

"Will Teach Her."
"Religion," as popularly conceived, says nothing of these conditions, nor has it a remedy for them.

"I will teach my daughter to realize her condition and its cause. I will point out to her the path of justice."

"But I will propose no dogma. I will send her to no Sunday school, and only the religion of justice will be taught her from the time that her mind opens to impressions."

"I know social justice will not come in my day, but I intend to prepare her for the great struggle for industrial freedom that must come in hers."

TWO CHRISTIANS HUNG.

At Pittsburg, on March 22, two Christians, Byers and Dardais were hung, first Protestant latter a Catholic. They had their clergy with them and went through the same religious performances that all persons do when they are hung.

INFIDEL

Is the Right Name for Infidels, Says Maryland, Brer Groh, and the Humanitarian Review, Newer.

Editor Moore and Elder Jim Hughes, Dearly beloved and co-workers in the vineyard and fig orchard: Greeting and kisses.

It behooves us to take to heart Bro. D. Webster Groh's wall over the taking in vain the generic name of our paternity.

The Christian enemy is both sneer and saith, "Go to, thou infidel," and it cometh to pass that Bro. Groh, saith this rhinoceros to heart and be appeased to the enemy, even the inventors of charity, to spare one little mite of their product from the cold-storage vaults of their Holy hearts, and call us Rationalists.

But the deluded and willful Christian turned up his Christy nose, and plucked his Godly thumb thereon, he twiteth his sanctified feroce, he nocketh with a great mock.

The Christian is pitched, inside and outside, with pitch, and he denieth the Rationalist with vituperation redolent with ignorance. "Rationalist!" saith the Christian; "no man may be rational who denieth that I am saved every hour and minute in the day, though the ever flowing blood that oozeth from the perpetual wound of the Roman spear."

The Christian standeth upon all the rational ground that is in sight. All other ground is sinking sand. His hymn saith so.

It behooves us then, dearly beloved to renege and call the Christian hypocrite.

After all, dearly beloved, what difference doth it make? We know who they mean, when they call us infidel and answer "Present," ever yours.

We might call the rose a cabbage, but we would get little sauer kraut from it. It would remain the same object. Just so with non-believers. We are essentially the same bunch of thorns to Christians.

They continually kick against the pricks and get their Christian feelings lacerated.

Did not the Christian call the Saracen, a dog of an infidel? and did not the Saracen call the Christian a dog of an infidel? Have not Christians called all opposition infidelity, from time immemorial?

munificence. Prates of his benefactions and provides a hell.

For its favorites it has set up somewhere a place where they may, if they pay for the privilege, come and see the holy degrees conferred upon the ground-floor promoters.

As hell is near enough to heaven for Lazarus to carry out a dialogue with Dives, we will say no so very far from heaven anyway.

As Dives is near enough to catch a drop of water on his tongue the only differences will be that of under, or over, the grating.

It will be as much too cold in heaven as too hot in hell, and I'd just as lief sweat as freeze. In addition to other names a Christian called me an infidel, at the free discussion society, in Baltimore.

He said I was an infidel to God who had conferred manifold blessings upon me, while I turned and barked and snapped at the heels of Omnipotence, "see a snarling see."

I asked him what return he had made to the Giver of all things. He said that he had made no return except a public acknowledgment of his thanks. I asked him who provided for him in his infancy and he said God provided him with a father and mother, who looked after him.

I then asked him if he had spent much time in thanking his parents for their care of him, and he said, "No."

I then asked him if there was not a possibility of his barking his thanks up the wrong tree.

He said it was possible that he was something of an ingrate himself.

The fellow that depends upon God alone, for sustenance, in this world, is apt to go hungry. Thanking God for what he does not provide is the Christian's idea of gratitude.

Most all inventors and scientists have been infidels and the world is ungrateful enough not to perpetuate their names as a sense of obligation and gratitude. Even the Christian, sometimes gives credit to an infidel and robe God of his due.

When the Christian opens his head, in public, "Jesse does it all, all to him I owe."

When Jesus said down the Almighty Dad's cellar door, he did not know it was the attraction of gravity that caused the exhalation. When he let the Devil sit him up a high mountain, he did not know that his eyesight and a down shoot on its penetration to see the kingdoms that were on the far side of the globe.

In fact his atlas told him that he lived on a plane.

Rational? why the Christian is the only rational, fractional? that is what Bro. Groh will get. How can a man be rational and not let the Christian think for him?

The Ideal if Bro. Groh wants a handy ride, let him mount his Rationalist pony.

He can carry a sign upon his breast "I am a Rationalist," as the far-sighted man does the misinformation, "I am blind."

Christianity has preempted all the pleasing appetitions and leaves us the harsh nomenclature.

Dearly beloved let us have some fun out of the Christian. Call him Longface.

Pieté Pete told the Christians that the heavens would roll up, like a scroll and not let the forest heat—that the earth would pass away with a great noise.

If St. Peter had heard one of those eleven thin Japanese shells that burst at Port Arthur, he would have mistaken shmine powder for the wrath of God on our nation.

Old Sol, when he wrote Ecclesiastes under inspiration said, (Eccl. 1. 4) "One generation cometh and another goeth, but the earth abideth forever." One of these wise guys was off his base.

Still the Christian says he is the only non-side Rationalist. In the Christians eye we are infidels, whether we are infidels, or whether we are not. Black is white to him when he washeth it in the red blood of the Lamb.

Brother Groh could not wash any thing in blood and make it whiter than snow.

Perhaps he is not steeped in iniquity sufficiently to cause such a chemical transformation as that. Iniquity is supposed to neutralize the red and black and produce white.

Infidel, infidel is my name, infidel will I die, been baptized in the infidel faith, and gwine to eat infidel pie.—JOHN F. CLARK.

THE YELLOW PERIL

Infidels have reason to hope that within a comparatively short time—say 25 years—the kind, gentle and philosophic religion of Confucius, the man who first enunciated as "golden rule, do to others as you would have them do to you," will destroy the barbarous, vicious, superstitious, murderous, rapacious religion of Jesus.

The outrages of Christianity against infidelity have, at last, awakened the sleeping lion.

Nemesis generally gets there with righteous retribution than that the "heathen Chinese" should, finally, destroy the religion which, under the English, waged against them the "Opium war," thus forcing upon China the fatal drug that has been the source of all the crimes known in China, and all simply because Christian England wanted a market for her India commodity that has made more crime in the world than anything else except Christian whiskey, and all for what the Latin heathen called the sacred opium.

Then added to that we have recently had a war with China in which America joined with England, Germany and Russia to debauch Chinese women and murder and rob Chinese men, women and children until the rivers of China were filled with their dead bodies and all because the Chinese, the most peaceable people on earth, who had shown their aversion to war by building the famous Chinese wall, 1,600 miles long, would not accept the religion of Jesus a Jew hung for crime by his own people and who taught that his religion must be propagated by the sword, even if they had to sell their garments to buy swords.

No combination of lunacy and drunkenness could ever have originated a more flagrant and wicked, than called "abominable" conception of religion than that of the Christians, even excellent, in these regards, the Jewish religion, from which Christianity is simply a schismatic offshoot.

The Christian religion teaches that the first man and woman were made out of dust, in one place, and that the man only was made of dust and the woman made out of his rib, in another place, that God tempted them by an apple which a snake induced them to eat, and that, because they did eat it, God condemned the whole human race to be burnt in everlasting fire and brimstone, and finally concluded to save all those who would believe that this Jesus was his son born of a woman, just as all the other gods of all the other religions had children, always sons, because women were considered mere animals without "souls," and if we would believe this and a lot of superstition about his rising from the dead and ascending to heaven through the air, and would be stupid enough to do so, but in the recent "great religious revivals," with which they proposed to "awaken the country," but which did not "awaken" worth a cent, they were unusually active in the lying department of their religion.

All of these falsehoods, which they put out was one to the effect that a Rev. McCarey was preaching at Winamac, Indiana, and that a man named Richard Bossey, who was an infidel, came into church to hear him, and that McCarey said "There is one unbeliever in this congregation will go down to hell," he said, "We have a gospel for sinners and not for the blind and tottering, who in their dotage are walked in by conceit of well doing."

"Don't take man's rule. It is God's rule that must determine your faith; the scriptures will go down to hell," he said. "You will never get home by nature."

"The words of the man of millions are a snare. They are worthless. Receipt from sin is issued only by God." Dr. Robertson advised Carnegie to get out his Bible and read the Epistles to the Romans before he made any more such speeches.

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And He Sends the Maple Syrup to Make Us So.

Covington, Ind., April 4, 05.

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CORNELL'S PRESIDENT WHACKS THE BIBLE.

An exclusive dispatch to the Los Angeles Times dated Ithaca, N. Y., Feb. 5, contained the following: "The University scholar of Cornell University started the students assembled at the chapel today, during an address on 'Christian Faith,' he declared that educated men no longer regard the 'facts' in the Bible as true, and that the Bible must be considered as only a mold into which religion was poured 3,000 years ago. He said: 'The Christ of the twentieth century differs from the Christ of the nineteenth and preceding centuries. No longer do educated men go to the Bible as a textbook of physical science. It seems strange that men should have ever regarded the Bible as such. I do not think there is any history in the Bible, simply because the Hebrews never wrote history. I don't attempt to explain the miracles attributed to Jesus Christ by the Bible.'"

The above is from the Humanitarian Review, the California infidel paper that is afraid to call itself infidel.

The president of every first-class institution of learning in the United States has announced himself an infidel, and will have to do so, because now the belief of the Christian religion is regarded among competent people as an evidence of intellectual and moral inferiority, or worse.

The University of Cincinnati put out the latest president Ayres and put my Presbyterian nephew Dehner, and the year born, Freitzenjammer, or whatever his Dutch name is, at the head of that school, and as the result of such management, it will never rank above the two institutions of the "Minnesota" and the "Dakota," where the Bible department is being used for taxes on \$150,000 while the library department can hardly pay its professors, all Campbellites, and then the State College, the two barely able to be known outside of Fayette county by the name of the time energy to their foot-ball teams, whose victories are only over each other.

BELOVED—More of our time spent in obeying and less in praying, would very much improve human conditions.

THE EVANGELISTIC HELL.

One of the evangelists who lately tried to debate Los Angeles to the issue of medievalism, the irreverent H. Stoughton, in one of his alleged sermons took for his text the story of Dives and Lazarus. I extract a few sentences as example of what ignorance, superstition and fanaticism can do for a man even in these days of science and general enlightenment. As reported in the Times, he said:

"The men who are bound for hell and sure to get there if they keep their course, are not only the flagrant wicked people, but the people who have cut God out of their daily lives and are living into themselves."

The above is from the Humanitarian Review. This country is, according to its constitution, and only so a land of religious liberty, that distinctive feature of its constitution having been put into it by infidels who did not want religion to be mixed with our politics. But the right have, and ought to have, their limitations. I have a right to work for my daily bread, but I have no right to do it by trespassing on the rights of others. A man, in general terms, has a right to his religious opinions, but when his religious opinions are that he ought to do the Abraham act and sacrifice his son, like Freeman, of Poncelet, and various others, the law properly calls a halt on his religion.

In the same way, when Mormonism teaches polygamy, a practice opposed to all good public policy, the law calls a halt on that religion and says that a Mormon Christian shall not violate the laws of marriage any more than an infidel shall. If any man uses a public prints the law properly punishes him for his crime, because the public has a right not to be offended and embarrassed by the indecency of an individual.

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Of course no body but the young and weak minded are humbugged by such dead beats and fakirs, but it is the duty of the law to protect the young and weak minded even more zealously and jealously than the mature and strong in mind, and if a man may not do so small a thing comparatively, as to offend public taste and decency by the use of indecent language, certainly he should not be allowed to use language that will send the weak and superstitious to lunatic asylums, and it is the duty of the law to protect these people from characters like Stoughton and Billy Sunday, a preacher whose only education was for base ball and who took up preaching as a job, because he could make more money at it than he could at base ball, and didn't take so much intelligence as it does to play base ball.

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His brother gives the dead brother a beautiful character. A part of the letters is as follows:

"Mr. Moore: You have lost a true, honest friend. He sympathized with you in all of your troubles, and (as it appeared to him) your persecutions by your enemies. No excuse, no matter how framed, could make him waver, or believe, but that your troubles were bred in, and grew out of, the pulpit, and the apas that crake for a time and die. You had but few, if any, friends who felt a deeper interest in you and your cause."

The living brother's tribute to the dead one is beautiful and pathetic, and is in striking contrast with the common Christian representation of the feeling of infidels in the presence of death.

PASTOR BANGS AT EX-PASTOR.

Rev. D. F. McCarty Declares Rev. Green a Liar.

Also a Fraud, a Scamp and Eke a Swindler.

Hot Suits Tell How Man of God Was Diddled.

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(From Daily Solophons, (Paragould Arkansas.)

JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

Which is the Heathen, and Which is the Christian? Discussed by an Eminent Divine.

(Rev. Dr. Gregory of New York)

The Russian press is doing its level best to keep the world in the fact that the war in the Far East is a clash between Christianity and Paganism, between the followers of the Cross and a lot of benighted heathens, who are groping in spiritual darkness, and bowing down, in their wretched superstition, to images of wood and stone.

The Russian Government as a general thing keeps a pretty sharp censorship on the newspapers, but it has helped, rather than hindered, the Russian press in its harping upon the glorious fact that the soldiers of the Czar are also the soldiers of the Christ, and that the Japs are a set of wretched pagans, who believe not in Christ but in Buddha.

Nonetheless, it is true, the Russians are Christians and the Japs are "Pagans" but in reality it is just the reverse, the Russians being the Pagans and the Japs the Christians.

What is Christianity, anyway? Is it a profession of belief and the practicing of a certain ritual, or is it a life—a life that manifests itself in a progressive, kindly and justice-loving civilization?

If we latter, then Japan is away ahead of Russia.

In progressiveness there is no comparison between the Colossus of the North and the Island Empire.

Eighty per cent. of the Russian people are unable to read or write, while in Japan education is almost universal.

The Russian Government is a juggernaut, crushing the life out of the people, grinding them to death in its heartless, merciless greed of power and gold; while the Government of Japan is beautifully paternal, existing to bless rather than to curse the Japanese people.

So barbarous and cruel is the Russian Government that, if the truth were known, it would probably be found that the overwhelming majority of the people are praying that the Makado may give it a death thrust; while, on the other hand, so fair and beneficent is the Japanese Government, that every one of the forty millions of its subjects is ready to die for its preservation.

The justice and beneficence of the "Powers that be" in Japan are eliciting such patriotism, courage and devotion as perhaps the world never witnessed before, while the treatment of the Japanese Government, of its subjects is ready to die for its preservation.

On the gory battlefields of the Far East the Japs are looking, with infinite skill and manliness, after the sick and the wounded; providing for them with a compassion that would have mightily touched the heart of a Bayard or a Sidney, as well as with the science that would have made Napoleon and Grant look on with blank amazement.

And while the Cossacks in Manchuria, their onetime terrible prestige gone forever, are fleeing before the victorious little Japs, the Cossacks in Russia are running amuck among the unarmed populace, riding down old men, defenseless women and innocent little children, slaughtering them with their swords, beating them under their knouts, crushing them under the iron-shod feet of their horses.

Well may we ask, then, "Which are the Christians?"

The answer is not far to seek, and here it is—"the Japanese." They may know very little of the historical Christ; they may be deplorably ignorant of the creeds over which "Christians" have been quarreling and fighting for two thousand years; but of the real spirit of Christianity, as taught by the Great Friend of Mankind, of us all, they have more than is possessed by the Russians; or, to be more precise, by the crowd that is at the head of the Russians.

In this case, clearly, the Pagans are the better Christians, and the "Benighted heathens," who bow down to "images of wood and stone" are showing not only more intelligence and courage but more pity and love than are shown by the followers of the Cross.

Written on the margin of the above was "Trying to steal over thunder."—T. W. Nesmith.

That tells the whole story. The Russians are the most thorough Christians in the world, and are the worst people in the world.

The Japs are the most thorough infidels in the world, and the greatest and best people in the world.

Nothing but infidelity can stop the crime and misery with which Christianity is cursing the world. No man or woman can be great and good without being an infidel. Christianity spells all that is hateful.

AN OLD CHRISTIAN.

Wants to Help Me to Make Us All Better.

Ottawa, Kans., March 24, 05.

Friend C. C. Moore.

I received your letter and was glad to hear from you. I see from last week's Blade that the book entitled "The Marvellous Story of Man," got into your hands. I sent it to Mr. Hughes to pay for the Blade, as I was some behind and I did not have the dollar. I thought it would be worth that much to him. I think it is worth much to any one who wants to know what man is, and what he has done. Man is the highest type of animal that I know anything about, yet I believe there are in existence, beings as much superior to man, as man is to a butterfly; still I do not know for a fact, nor can I prove it. We can believe many things which we cannot demonstrate. It seems to me that it is all we can say in regard to the being we call God; yet we can believe there is such a being, who rules over all, and orders all things aright although we cannot understand it. You may ask me why do you believe there is such an intelligent being in existence as you describe, and yet you cannot understand or comprehend how or where he exists. I answer, "Because it looks more reasonable to me, although I may not yet, to think of some great God as the intelligent being who made and planned and set in order the few things around me, and then I have reason to believe that there are a thousand times more wonderful things in existence I cannot see and therefore believe there is a such being called God." It does not look reasonable to me that all those things that I see and can partially understand could have been here unless there had been some great and powerful intelligence to make, arrange and set in order what we know as here. You may ask me, where did God come from, where did the material he made the world and this world, and ourselves and all other things we see around us? All I can say is, I do not know. I have been asking these questions, reading, studying and have not an answer for the last sixty years. I have been reading your paper for the last four or five years, and all the real light I have got from yourself, and all your friends, who write for the Blade, is, I do not believe there is any God in existence, neither have I seen any one who has. Can any person affirm that there is nothing in existence only that which he or some one in this world has seen.

I think that even your self would not be willing to make that affirmation. You know that a man's belief or disbelief changes no fact or truth, no matter who believes it or denies it. I have heard people tell others, Jesus died to save them, if they would believe it. Now if it is a fact, or it is a truth that Jesus Christ died or was nailed to a cross in existence, neither has a person's faith can change that fact or truth. Friend Moore you tell your infidel friends they must live better lives than Christians, or people will have any faith in them or their doctrine. That is, I think, and I wish to hope, that your infidelity may be in harmony with morality, and if this can be brought about there is no doubt but it will make Christians live better lives and thereby all will be benefited. I would be glad if we could all be influenced to do better and put away this selfish, greedy disposition which seems at this time to control the whole nation. Keep pegging away at them (as Lincoln used to say) and if every one who wants the world better will do his best our time will not be lost and we will have reward.

For me and for my friends, I wish you success. From your friend in making people better.—JOHN JEFFERIES.

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ior race on the earth, have no god, or gods—are pure atheists.

The whole trend of religious thought is now toward atheism. The more cultivated preachers do not believe in a god as much as Tom Paine did.

But one man who believes wrong and does right is a much better man than he who believes right and does wrong.

The Christians says that believing right is a virtue for which men should be rewarded by eternal happiness. The infidel says that belief and disbelief are more accidents of life as are the other conditions of our lives and that there is, therefore, no merit or demerit in belief or unbelief, and that it is only the doing of good, as all Christian Brother Jefferies suggests, that ought to be allowed to enter into the estimate of any man's character, and doing good or doing evil are the only things for which we ought to be rewarded or punished.

In my debate with Wilkinson, when we were waiting for the time to come for us to go onto the platform, quite a number of the audience being present, and hearing us, he sitting by a table and I standing; I said to him, "Does God have eyes?" He said, "Yes." I said, "Does God have ears?" He said, "Yes." I said, "Does God have a nose?" He said, "I don't know." I said to him, "Does God have bowels?" He said, "Yes." I said, "What does God eat?" and Wilkinson said, "I suppose he eats nectar; that what Gods eat." He was evidently plainly lying or making a fool of himself, or rather, I was making a fool of him.

But there is a very much stronger point than this against the existence of a God, the delirium of which forbids its public discussion. That is the matter of the sex of God.

If I should speak of the Christian's God as the I, it Christians would regard it as blasphemy, whereas if I speak of God as He, it is regarded as all proper; while really, if there could be any such thing as blasphemy, there could be nothing more blasphemous than the assertion that God is, distinctively, of the masculine gender; much the greatest of the three genders and the blasphemy would be a thousand times as bad as the worst construction of the blasphemy for which I was put in jail in Lexington—very particular instance was really the very opposite of blasphemy, thought at other times, before and since, that blasphemy was and is, with me, as common as any other form of speech.

While therefore, it is true that any man who follows to its ultimate conclusions the argument for the existence of a God, must lie or stultify himself, as Wilkinson did, it is also true, as Brother Jefferies suggests, that belief or disbelief about anything is a small and inconsiderable matter and that the all in all of human life is in what we do and say, saying being regarded as the same as doing, and equally affecting human happiness.

If there is any one class of people who, more than any other, I would love to have join with me is an effort to make us all better and happier, they are Christians who are willing to ignore all matters of belief or disbelief about religion, and do and say all that can make themselves and all the balance of us better and happier, the only true purpose of the intelligent and good people can have.

EASTERN WASHINGTON AND NORTHERN IDAHO.

abound in rich agricultural lands suitable for diversified farming and fruit raising, without irrigation. Cheap grazing lands can be secured, and the largest body of white pine in the United States is located in northern Idaho. Here are found the famous wheat fields of the Palouse and Big Bend countries. The mining camps of the Coeur d'Alene and Bitter Root Mountains, as well as the Roseland and Republic districts furnish profitable markets for all the farmer or fruit grower can raise.

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"BLUE GRASS BLADE GOOD REMEDY FOR IGNORANCE."

Emanuel, Ky., March 20, 05.

Charles C. Moore.

Dear Sir—I notice in a late issue of the Blade, signed "Romanian," which he speaks lightly of the mountains of Kentucky being descendants of Ham, etc., and so on. But I am glad to inform him, through the Blade, that, as the world moves, we have moved too, and that freethought is all up and down our Valley, and on all our old Kentucky hills, and that we know that his ancestors as well as ours, once swung by their tails from trees in the jungles.

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We are not so meek and lowly as represented, yet a kinder, more hospitable, or intelligent people than the Kentucky mountaineers never existed. They do not have the respect for the clergy of years gone by and the fact now that a man is a preacher is a sign to watch him.

Yet there is, by far, too much ignorance in all the world, and I think a good remedy for it is the Blue Grass Blade.—EMMET JOYNER.

(St. Louis Star.)

BECOMES SUICIDE AFTER BOY IS BORN.

Unionville, Mo., March 16.—The most sensational death in this vicinity recently is the suicide by strychnine of Miss Eva Miller, 24, twenty-four hours after giving birth to a boy baby.

Miss Miller was a daughter of a well-to-do farmer living near Unionville, and for several years has been employed in town as a domestic.

She has always been the best local church, and commanding the highest respect of the community. She positively refused to reveal the identity of the man who had betrayed her.

She spent several months in Kansas last summer, telling friends prior to her departure she was going to be married, but she returned in the fall and took up the old life here.

(St. Louis Star.)

SPECIAL PRAYER FOR VICTORY.

Berlin, March 20.—The newspaper Die Welt says the Czar is suffering from a form of religious mania. He spends two hours every day praying in the palace chapel. He telegraphed to Father John of Kronstadt, recently to compose special prayers for a Russian victory, and likewise for the repression of the revolutionary movement. He sent a similar telegram to the Archbishop of Moscow. He wears a crucifix on his breast continually as a protection against assassination.

(St. Louis Star.)

CLASP HANDS ON THE GALLOW.

Richmond, Va., March 16.—Peter Danney, murderer of a negro woman and Edward Austin, who assaulted a nine-year-old colored girl, were hanged together in the court yard of the Henry County jail this morning.

Both negroes died courageously. Danney was accompanied to the scaffold by a negro Baptist preacher, and Austin by a white Methodist minister.

The last act of the men was to press their mangled hands together on the gallows in a friendly clasp.

(Cincinnati Times-Star.)

PROVES THE STORY OF EVE.

Baltimore, March 24.—To an audience which, in McCoy hall of the John Hopkins university followed the archaeological lecture by Mr. James Teakle Dennis of Baltimore upon "Tombs of the Ancient Egyptians," the Biblical story of Eve being formed from the rib of Adam seems perfectly clear, inasmuch as Mr. Dennis says more than one-half of the skeletons which he found had thirteen ribs. The remains of over 175 human bodies, many of them estimated to date back in life, 6,000 years before Christ, were discovered by the party of which Mr. Dennis was a director, and of this number the thirteen-ribbed individuals were in sufficient numbers to make this anatomical peculiarity a distinctive feature.

(St. Louis Star.)

DIVINE GUILTY OF GAMBLING.

Wilmington, March 20.—After spending most of the day in hearing arguments of counsel, the committee appointed to try the case of the Rev. Wilbur F. Corkran, D. D., this afternoon returned a verdict of guilty of gambling and high imprudence and unministerial conduct, but not guilty of falsehood and fraud. He was suspended for one year.

Dr. Corkran declined to discuss the case after the verdict had been given, but his counsel, though Rev. J. A. B. Wilson, gave notice of an appeal to the judicial conference of the church.

(St. Louis Star.)

IOWA PASTOR A CHEAT.

Church Jury Convicts Him of Fraud in a Horse Trade.

Shoux City, Iowa, March 20.—The Rev. S. Koster of the Dutch Reformed church at Hull has been convicted by a church jury of cheating a member of his flock in a horse trade.

Last summer Koster borrowed a horse from a member of his church to drive to a small town across the Minnesota-Iowa line. He sold the horse and pocketed the proceeds, telling the owner that the animal had died, and giving him another horse not nearly so valuable.



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CHRISTIANS SUICIDING MORE THAN EVER.

Los Angeles, Calif., Feb. 25, 1905.

To Charles C. Moore.

Dear Friend—The list of suicides continues to lengthen in this fair city of the Angels, but they are Christians.

Last Thursday night Charles Rogers shot and instantly killed his beautiful wife and then turned the revolver on himself and suicided. He was a devout church member.

Since the great Lestrade Meetings—called by the Christians Revival Meetings—were held in Los Angeles, crime has increased at an alarming rate. I suppose they intend to tell the Devil when he comes for them "Jesus paid it all."

Fraternally,

S. A. SMITH.